

maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning treatment of shareholders of certain passive foreign investment companies.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 3, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dr. Philippe Thomas, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Kerry Dennis, at (202) 317-5751 or Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20224, or through the internet, at [Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov](mailto:Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Treatment of Shareholders of Certain Passive Foreign Investment Companies.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1507.

*Regulation Numbers:* TD 8701, TD 8178, and TD 9231.

*Abstract:* The reporting requirements affect United States persons that are direct and indirect shareholders of passive foreign investment companies (PFICs). The requirements enable the Internal Revenue Service to identify PFICs, United States shareholders, and transactions subject to PFIC taxation and verify income inclusions, excess distributions, and deferred tax amounts.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the regulations at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, business or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 406,250.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 31 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 212,500 hours.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: October 29, 2019.

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